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I am a consulting engineer at Apple Computer, concerned about how Microsoft's anticompetitive behavior could hinder my company's ability to reach customers with the creative and innovative products for which Apple is known. I also speak as one who wants a future where technology innovation cannot be held back by a single corporation's anticompetitive behavior. This message does not necessarily reflect Apple's views.

I am concerned that the proposed final judgment in the Microsoft antitrust proceeding does not accomplish what it claims to accomplish. The language is drafted loosely enough to allow Microsoft to avoid following the intent of the judgment in many points. Specifically, see the issues raised at <http://www.kegel.com/remedy/letter.html>.

The stated intent of the proposed final judgment is an appropriate response to Microsoft's crimes. But if this intent cannot be enforced and allows Microsoft alternative ways to engage in anticompetitive behavior, it is worthless. Please revise the proposed final judgment to truly prohibit and appropriately punish any future anticompetitive acts by Microsoft.

Mistakes made now may never be undone. The proposed final judgment seems to require bringing entirely new proceedings to address any future anticompetitive actions by Microsoft. There may never again be the political will or opportunity to correct flaws in this proposed final judgment later if they are not corrected now.

Sincerely,
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